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AID/W WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE REASONABLE AMOUNT FY 65 FUNDS FOR TRANSITIONAL MEASURES MOST APPRECIATED. ALSO AGREE THAT SITUATION WILL BE EASED IF PROPOSED INSTITUTE CAN BE ACTIVATED BY END CALENDAR YEAR 64.

MEANTIME, IN VIEW MINAG DARNAH'S COMMENT CONCERNING CONTINUITY, MY PREFERENCE IS FOR RETENTION PRESENT DIRECT HIRE TECHNICIANS BROWN AND TILESTON THROUGH MOST OF FY 65. THIS WILL ALSO PROVIDE MARGIN OF SAFETY IF PROPOSED INSTITUTE IS NOT OPERATIONAL BY DECEMBER 1964.

USAID ACTING MISSION DIRECTOR ASSURES ME TILESTON FILLING CRITICAL POST AND THERE IS CONTINUING NEED FOR THIS FUNCTION. FURTHERMORE, HE WILL BE ONLY AMERICAN IN WATER FIELD DOMINATED LARGELY BY YUGOSLAVS. IN THE CASE OF BROWN, HE PLANNING DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER TO ESTABLISH WITH HIM SPECIFIC ADVISORY FUNCTIONS AND OTHER TASKS DARNAH EXPECTS HIM TO CARRY OUT. DEPENDING ON OUTCOME THESE TALKS, WILL BE ABLE BETTER JUDGE LENGTH OF TIME BROWN CAN BE FULLY USEFUL.

IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH CERTAINLY HOPE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS MATERIALIZE OR SOME WAY FOUND TO CONTINUE INADA'S SERVICES AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE TECHNICIAN IN FIELD OF HEALTH EDUCATION. RETENTION NORELLI ALSO DESIRABLE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, BUT RECOGNIZE IN LIGHT RECENT MESSAGE CONCERNING SAIGON ASSIGNMENT, OTHER FACTORS MAY BE CONTROLLING.

IN ANY EVENT, LOVING AND I STRONGLY RECOMMEND NO DECISION TRANSFER BROWN, TILESTON AND INADA BE TAKEN PENDING OUTCOME VARIOUS ACTIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE. LIGHTNER
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